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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: 28TH SHA: INDOCHINA

REFERENCE: GENEVA 2444

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH DG MAHLER U.S. EXECUTIVE BOARD DESIGNATED
MEMBER EHRLICH CONFIRMED FOLLOWING:

A) FORMAL NORTH VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RECEIVED LATE LAST
WEEK;

B) FORMAL PRG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RECEIVED LATE YESTERDAY, 4/8/7

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2. PRG APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP RECEIVED WITH SURPRISE BY WHO. NO
PREVIOUS INDICATION FROM PRG IN CONVERSATIONS LAST WEEK CONCERNING
POSSIBLE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT BY WHO.

3. MAHLER INDICATES NORTH VIETNAMESE AND PRG APPLICATIONS RAISE LEGAL

ISSUES OVER MEMBERSHIP OF VIETNAM. VIETNAM ADMITTED IN EARLY 1950'S
AS SINGLE STATE. WITH APPLICATIONS PENDING BEFORE 28TH WHA ACTION

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BY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REVIEWING SOUTH VIETNAMESE CREDENTIALS WOULD

BE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS
WOULD OCCUR LATER IN COURSE OF ASSEMBLY.

4. IN EARLY THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT MAHLER INDICATES THAT
PROBLEM MIGHT BE HANDLED BY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SUBMITTING
RESOLUTION TO THE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING ALL THREE PARTIES AS
INTERIM MEASURE PENDING FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENTS.
THIS WOULD, IN HIS VIEW, PROTECT CONTINUING PARTICIPATION OF
SOUTH VIETNAM, AVOID BITTER POLITICAL FIGHT OVER ADMISSION OF
NORTH VIETNAM AND PRG, AND WITH PROPER LANGUAGE NOT RECOGNIZE
EACH PARTY AS SEPARATE STATE BUT PROVIDE FOR EQUAL VOTING
RIGHTS. SUCH ACTION HE FEELS CONSISTENT WITH REALITY AND ALSO
ENHANCING WHO PARTICIPATION IN HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN AREA.
PLAN NEEDS FURTHER STUDY WHICH HE INTENDS TO PURSUE.

5. MAHLER FULLY COGNIZANT OF IMPACT ON U.S. IF PRG ADMITTED,
PARTICULARLY IF COUPLED WITH APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 7 TO
ISRAEL DENYING TO THEM THEIR VOTE AND CONTINUING SERVICES BY
THE ORGANIZATION.ABRAMS

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